Roxbury Oct 5. 1841

Tuesday evening -

Dear Deton -

Your letter was just handed me - it should have come yesterday - but was delayed on some post road - Stephen became sick and was not in Boston on account of the storm - and very sorry but it cannot be helped - You should never fail to close us promise and never disappoint us by letter by return of mail - You have hardly been sufficiently explicit - With respect to the school I will advise for the best - In the first place I should give notice for you - You will perhaps say that I not expect you - I should advise to stay - for then you would be certainly home holidays - for I know as any one the pleasure of that - but remember you have just commenced - and that you will be obliged to keep pace with the class - Now if you stay you will be able to calculate the pace of to come - Nothing else - You can't be better than I advise - Scholars often do in the school - but the consequence is they are obliged to be thrown back - Nothing the school sets - Mr. Pierpont - I should like it - If Mr. Pierpont - I should like it - It is not worth while that I may wish to come in the Spring - I have now my

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Lawful 25 - Mama says the Lord must
have decided that, that is the proper
number for me - as I always have it but
I have not so decided - I may be left
all alone any day - & should then like to join
you — Just you ascertain what
pupils would remain in the school by
calling on their parents - I have no
objection to make save your health
& if Emma can be there to help you
that would be no objection - you are
judge of all this better than I - at any
rate if it would pay - it is only letting
it alone - I should not care if I were you
if it did not succeed - you can give
it up you know - I think it looks well
as you tell the story - as the school room
is your & convenient - the lady of success
& respectably situated - I don't remember
where 4th Street is nor any thing about
the Methodist meeting house -

If you conclude to take the school
must you go on immediately - so
soon as next week? - perhaps you
could engage the school - & then have
a few weeks to advertise & muster
your forces - would it not be a good
plan for you to go in your best bib
into the school - with Miss Atherton
& there & then ~~[illegible]~~ state your

plans - & ask them to go home to their anx-
ious parents - & ascertain from them - whether
they should remain - (do this the last thing
in the afternoon if you do it) They will let you
know the next day - then announce
the time when you will commence &
fix it when you like — Emma must
be guided by her own & your judgment
the length of her visit — I don't feel com-
petent to advise either of you — not know-
ing quite how enough the City of the Lane —

Next Sunday I shall spend with Harvey &
Helen — I long to — of course — Septimus Davenport
was there — Last Monday I took Madame
Olive per & Anne to Stoughton when we
left Septimus — Sabbath a storm came on storm
all day Sunday — & Monday night — Not a
soul in our house closed their eyes save
Ellen & Dr Abbott — Such you know — the
blinds flew off & the rain drenched us — & the
house became the chimney — To fate every
moment — Mary Jane thought the end of the world
was coming & might be near — Monday morning
we awoke to find our premises strewed with
branches & trees — & when I went to town on
Monday morning the violence of the storm
had subsided but the branches of trees
and fences in our path all the way to
Boston — The Steamer is in this after-
noon but no news from her yet — The
letters are not out — I have yet them in the
morning — I forgot to tell you that the
Philosophical Society elected Mr Peck into
the Class Poetry in the Grants & Warren
Prize of his Prize Essay — Quite good —
about 25 pages & Mr Peck's Oration
over the Tombs that he has recorded some
years ago — I think it must have done him
great good — Wendell & Anna Love

Sidney Weston,

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